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PRIMARY RETURNS

	Precinct No. 1 Ft. Green	Precinct No. 2 Wanchula	Precinct No. 3 Liby	Precinct No. 4 Pine Level	Precinct No. 5 Charlotte Harbor	Precinct No. 7 Punta Gorda	Precinct No. 8 Ft. Olden	Precinct No. 9 Arcadia	Precinct No. 10 Creswell	Precinct No. 11 Zolfo	Precinct No. 14 Avon Park	Precinct No. 15 Bowling Green	Precinct No. 16 Gardner	Precinct No. 17 Nocatee	Precinct No. 18 Owens	Precinct No. 19 Cleveland	Precinct No. 20 Oak Hill	Precinct No. 23 Ona	TOTAL
For Representative in Congress																			
Stephen M. Sparkman.....	8	126	25	23	22	135		253	34	63		70	39	20	25			6	874
Justice of the Supreme Court																			
Thomas L. Clarke.....	3	62	10	7	9	72		169	16	17		33	20	10	11			0	458
Charles B. Parkhill.....	4	69	10	24	19	86		187	11	35		31	32	19	25			10	562
James B. Whitfield.....	8	94	11	21	19	87		125	14	48		58	18	18	25			10	552
For Railroad Commissioner																			
Thomas J. Appleyard.....	1	36	12	15	19	101		169	5	10		32	9	19	18			1	457
Ed B. Bailey.....	3	29	11	6	9	70		103	17	13		37	38	10	25			2	373
Newton A. Blitch.....	6	145	8	20	14	61		177	8	55		31	39	13	17			11	605
R. Hudson Burr.....	6	149	11	19	9	55		75	16	72		44	13	12	10			14	505
For State's Attorney																			
Herbert S. Phillips.....	12	145	26	31	31	153		281	36	67		73	47	31	27			11	971
For Representative																			
J. B. Cochran.....	1	5	33	16	3	2	25	126	20	106	28	90	38	35	11	0	3	2	548
W. H. Hooker.....	11	2	10	21	0	3	23	325	20	24	12	37	22	13	45	2	34	1	615
A. P. Jordan.....	4	327	5	1	47	232	25	9	11	17	11	12	2	0	4	32		21	760
For County Judge																			
R. E. Brown.....	10	23	36	17	26	144		255	31	109		101	28	27	11	21		7	846
Lee M. Hammel.....	2	261	2	11	4	38		28	5	12		18	7	11	5	4		15	423
Jas. Phelon.....	1	4	7	9	3	8		121	5	7		4	8	5	38			0	220
For Sheriff																			
A. C. Freeman.....	13	229	32	32	37	177		372	42	111		107	50	38	47			16	1303
For Tax Assessor																			
F. M. Cooper.....	16	184	28	30	36	194		320	44	92		95	54	33	41			12	1182
For Tax Collector																			
Will C. Langford.....	13	192	30	36	30	165		350	46	107		99	53	39	45				1205
For Treasurer																			
Jas. A. Hendry.....	14	184	38	31	24	145		377	43	90		74	59	37	47			15	1178
Registration Officer																			
H. A. Ellis.....	8	150	24	26	20	140		295	31			64	38	28	32				872

First Commencement Recital.

The First Commencement Recital of Miss Fulks' School of Music will take place on Friday evening, May 25th, 1906, at 8 o'clock at the Arcadia Opera House.

Part I will be carried out entirely by the school.

Part II will consist of several numbers, voice piano and violin, by some of Arcadia's talented musicians and H. C. Goldstein, the noted Punta Gorda violinist.

It is hoped that all who love children and are interested in their education and highest development will lend encouragement to them by their presence.

Certificates will be awarded those who have completed the branch of tonality.

A fee of 10 and 20 cents will be charged to defray expenses.

The friends of Prof. E. C. Hudson, who for two years was principal of the Arcadia schools, will be pleased to learn that he has accepted a position in the Sutherland Seminary, where he will occupy the chair of Languages. He is at present in Missouri but will return to Florida in time for the opening at Sutherland in September. Professor Hudson is eminently fitted for a position at Sutherland and will we have no doubt find the surroundings most pleasant and the work congenial. We shall then hope to see the Professor and wife some time in Arcadia.

Birthday Party.

Miss Lillie Draughon celebrated her fourteenth anniversary at the home of her parents Monday evening, May 14th. Those present were: Henry Crawford, Edd Quinsby, Bessie Wood, Kieth Robertson, Henderson Kinsey, Herschell Youmans, Gladys Bryan, Leslie Bryan, Bryant Pearce, Harry Wood, Tommie Alderman, Pauline Smith, Upture Quinsby, Lillian Youmans, Crisp Gunn, Harvey Smith, Walter Draughon. Many handsome presents were received. Refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake.

Florida's First Shipment.

The first shipment of Florida watermelons leaving this season went from Arcadia today. It was raised by G. B. Murrill and used DeSoto Brand fertilizer.

Judge Cochran made the closing speech of his campaign on Monday in Arcadia at the court house to a good sized audience. The Judge is a good talker and was well received, and frequently applauded.

First Ripe Peaches.

THE CHAMPION is under obligations to J. D. Williams for the first ripe peaches of the season. They came from his grove near Pine Level.

The most popular thing in De Soto county Tuesday morning was THE CHAMPION's election return extra. It went to all DeSoto county post-offices on Wednesday morning's early mails. It was almost complete and as near completely authentic as un-official returns often get to be. We have received many pretty compliments on our enterprise in giving the anxious public such early and reliable election news.

HOW IT WENT

HOOKER AND JORDAN GO INTO THE SECOND PRIMARY.

Our election table on this page shows the DeSoto county results so far as we have been able to obtain from the exception of the school board and county commissioners.

Mr. Jordan leads for representative by about a hundred votes, Hooker being second and leading Judge Cochran by about fifty votes.

COMMISSIONERS.

For these offices it has been impossible to get a correct report but in the most reliable we have the following will be the result.

District No. 1. Only one candidate D. J. Farabee.

No. 2. It is conceded that C. Keen is nominated over W. S. Orley.

No. 3. J. H. Concannon is probably the nominee over both opposing candidates. J. M. Orley has second place and A. O. Morgan third.

No. 4 there were five candidates and J. L. Livingston and D. Williams will probably have to enter the second primary. D. W. Brown, S. S. Avant and C. S. Shnell come in the order named to number of votes received.

No. 5. Will probably be represented by R. L. Holendorf, heeding Mr. Wingate the opposing candidate.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The school board will be composed of T. R. Starke, F. B. McClelland and J. R. Sandlin. The only candidate who had an opponent was F. B. McClelland and he received a safe majority over W. L. Scott, who ran against him.

The official count will be on May 19th when we will get the official returns and publish them in our next issue.

Pomona's Memorial Park.

Pomona, Mo., May 10, 1906. "Johnny Apple Seed" and Sam Bucus heard from. After visiting

the World's Fair at St. Louis and seeing the wonderful display from the land of The "Big Red Apple" Sam and his son and family went in search of this "land of the blest!" and soon found forty acres that would do to name a park on a pinch. Here my son took charge and I returned to my good home in the "land of flowers," where I remained a little over a year and then returned to Pomona. I named the place as indicated above.

You see I regard Pomologists in the same light as the Dutchman did his countrymen, when he declared with enthusiasm "And the ditch company ish de best 'ompanee that ever did cross the old Atlantic sea. The founder of this park—like Johnny Apple Seed—never "lays up treasure" where such good men as J. D. R. can "break in and steal," so he went into the memorial business. Our park was completely surrounded with "sturdy oaks" hence an ideal location for a large variety of plants, and in Howell county, where they claim to have more apple trees than any other county in the state, and the largest orchard in the world, we have ten acres, mostly Elberta peaches, but have five rows of apple trees on the east side, that originally numbered thirty-two trees each, some having died out. Here we have dedicated this spring some fifty trees to the leading Pomologists of the country not forgetting Johnny Apple Seed or a few of Florida friends. We usually put in six grafts to one memorial tree, but for Johnny we put in seventeen of the Paragon apple.

We have only space to mention one other tree grafted in honor of the lady who was the first to join the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, long since dead, after grafting in her honor the usual six sorts, it occurred to me that I must add the Paragon, a variety that stood near by and towered the highest of any in the orchard, and what my son thinks to be the best late apple in the whole collection. So I grafted on April 8th (a month after grafting the six

sorts from Minnesota), a seven inch cion of the Mammoth Black Twig or Paragon, and today not a sprout from the six sorts, but the Paragon carries an apple as big as a good field pea on its tip end, with another 1/2 the size, while some two feet below on the same limb hangs a double apple some 1/2 inch in diameter. Who says "truth is not stranger than fiction."

Your friend,
SAM BUCUS.

Proceedings of School Board.

Arcadia, Fla., May 8, 1906. The Board of Public Instruction met in regular session. Members present, Wm. P. Marshall, T. R. Starke and J. H. Brown, secretary. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Election returns from a special election held at Live Oak school house, on May 5th, 1906, for the purpose of establishing a special tax school district, were received, and district declared established as follows:

Boundaries: Beginning at the north-west corner of township 35 south of range 25 east, and running east to the corner of sec 5 tp 35 s of rg 26 e, thence south to the corner of sec 20, same township and range, thence west to the sw corner of sec 19 tp 35 s of rg 25 e, thence north to the nw corner of township 35 s of range 25 east to place of beginning.

Trustees elected: J. M. Alderman, J. H. Carlton, M. G. Carlton. Number of mills to be assessed and collected for the next ensuing years.

Election returns received from a special election held at Tura on May the 5th, 1906, for the purpose of establishing a special tax school district and resulted in failure to establish said special tax district, there not being a majority of votes in favor of it.

Notice of presentment having been duly published and petitions presented by the citizens of Owens to change its boundaries and Ft. Winder and Hull to establish special tax school districts, the petitions were granted and elections

ordered at the respective school houses as follows:

Owens on Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Inspectors: J. H. Langford, W. T. Wilson, J. F. Nickolson, clerk, H. G. Johnson.

Ft. Winder on Monday, June the 4th, 1906. Inspectors: C. A. Addison, W. D. Waterson, J. F. Beasley, clerk, E. Mizell.

Hull on Monday the 4th of June, 1906. Inspectors: J. L. Mitchell, H. H. Cowart, F. Smith, clerk, B. F. Stewart.

Notices of said election ordered published.

The board then entered into secret session for the purpose of selecting a grading committee for the state teachers' uniform examination to be held on Tuesday, June the 5th, 1906, and teachers on said committee were selected and notified.

Treasurer's report received and approved. Accounts audited and warrants issued from the general funds Nos. 320 to 342 inclusive, and from the special funds Nos. 261 to 282 inclusive.

Board adjourned May 8th to meet Tuesday, June the 5th, 1906. Jos. H. BROWN, Secretary. Wm. P. MARSHALL, Chairman.

Fortnightly Literary Club.

The Fortnightly Literary Club will meet with the Misses Leitner Friday, May 25. The subject of the evening will be Current Events. Current Events in General.....

Mr. Mitchell
Political.....
John W. Burton
Music.....
Miss Percie Fulks
Literature.....
Dr. D. G. Barnett
Art.....
Miss Mittie Harward
Science.....
Dave Scott

Each member is requested to bring five quotations from well known authors. A short time will be spent in naming the authors.

THE CHAMPION force is now at work printing the annual report of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Florida. The report will make a book of about 100 pages.